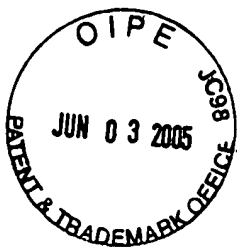


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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated February 22, 2005, to which a response is due with a one-month extension by June 22, 2005. Applicant files with this paper a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Prior to examining this RCE, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.